(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above.

(ii) (a) Annual Report of the University Grants Commission, for the year 1984-85, under section 18 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Commission.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above.

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Report and Accounts (1984-85) of the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore and related papers

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the following papers:—

(1) Annual Report and Accounts (in Hindi) of the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore, for the year 1984-85, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(2) Review (in English and Hindi) by Government on the working of the Institute.

(3) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

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Message from the Lok Sabha the Supreme Court (number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 1986

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of Rule 101 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that the following amendments made by Rajya Sabha in the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 1985, at its sitting held on 23rd April, 1986, were taken into consideration and agreed to by Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on Tuesday, the 6th May, 1986:—

Enacting Formula

1. That at page 1, line 1, *for* the word "Thirty-sixth" the word "Thirty-seventh" be *substituted*.

2. That at page 1, line 4, *for* the figure '1958' the figure "1986" be *substituted*."

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO SHRI B. L. PANWAR

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have received a letter dated the 21st April, 1986, from Shri B. L. Panwar stating that he is sick and has been admitted to hospital for treatment. He has, accordingly requested for grant of leave of absence from all the sittings of the Rajya Sabha during the 138th Session.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri B. L. Panwar for remaining absent from all the meetings of the House during the current Session?

(*No hon. Member dissented*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): Sir, I beg to move the following motion:

"That in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Official Languages Act, 1963 (19 of 1963), this House do proceed to elect, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, one member from among the

members of the House to be the member of the Committee on Official Language in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. Lokesh Chandra from the membership of the Rajya Sabha."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Upendra.

श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र (बिहार) : सभापति महोदय, एक सेकिंड सुन लीजिए । यह सरकारी क्षेत्र में बनता है...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have made it clear. You cannot bring any material object into the House. It is improper for you to bring any material object into the House. I will not allow it.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : इस में लोगों के स्वास्थ्य का सवाल है...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I repeat. You cannot bring any material object into the House. If you bring it, I will take action. Now. Mr. Upendra.

REFERENCE TO THE PRIME MINISTERS REPORTED STATEMENT ON PUBLIC SECTOR

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, today's newspapers carry a statement by the Prime Minister to the effect that the term of appointment of senior executives in the public sector will hereafter be for five years. The report says 'Shri Rajiv Gandhi announced in New Delhi on Tuesday...' He is also reported to have said that the Government was trying to build a system where its interaction with the public sector was reduced to the minimum. He has made two important statements. Sir, I will not go into the merits of this thing. Both may be good or at least the first one, giving longer term to the public sector executives, is good, but in this House, you remember, repeatedly we have been demanding that the Arjun Sen Gupta Committee report should be placed on the Table of the House and the Government's decision should also be announced. Mr. Sukomal Sen made a special mention on the subject also but the Government was adamant and did not heed to the demand. Then there is another aspect to the report. The Prime Minister is said to have said that at present questions relating to the public sector were raised in Parliament and alternative forum for this purpose was being considered. This indicates that the power of the Parliament also is sought to be curtailed. Whatever arrangement you may make, either for public sector or private sector, Parliament's authority is supreme and it should continue to have control over both the public and the private sector, Sir, this statement has serious repercussions, particularly because the Prime Minister has sought to make the statement on such an important matter outside the House, in a seminar, when the Parliament is in session.

Therefore, Sir, I request the Government to come forward with a statement as to what they have done about the Arjun Sen Gupta Committee's report and also what they are thinking about the parliamentary control over the public sector undertakings.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): I would just like to supplement because the decision of the Government on the report of the Arjun Sen Gupta Committee is being denied to us. Therefore, it is a matter of Parliamentary propriety. I would like you to allow a discussion on this subject.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please write to me. I will consider.

REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED DECISION OF GOVERNMENT NOT TO SET UP BENZENE FACTORY IN COCHIN

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to a very serious and important matter. This is a very serious matter. Otherwise, I would not have raised the issue in this House. The Petroleum Ministry has already decided to drop the idea of setting up a benzene factory at Cochin.